

PORTLAND HARBOR
SUPERFUND SITE

PUBLIC COMMENT: AUDIENCE

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MR. PHILIP: Hello, on behalf of the
3 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency I would like
4 to thank everyone who took the time out of their
5 busy schedules to come here today. Welcome to the
6 official comment portion of today's meeting. I am
7 Jeff Philip and I work for the Environmental
8 Protection Agency in the Seattle office. I am
9 going to be serving as the hearing officer for
10 today's meeting. It's my responsibility to ensure
11 that the hearing is run properly and that those who
12 have signed up to provide two minutes of oral
13 comments have the opportunity to do so.

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This proceeding is to receive public
15 comments on the U.S. EPA's proposed cleanup plan
16 for the Portland Harbor Superfund site. EPA will
17 not be speaking or responding to questions of any
18 kind about the proposed cleanup plan during the
19 hearing.

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I'd like to take this time to
21 introduce our court reporter, Sue Benoist, and she
22 will be recording the proceeding for this hearing.
23 It's important to make sure that you speak clearly
24 and slowly so that we can capture your comments for
25 the official record. We are using a professional

1 facilitator who will be introduced momentarily to
2 help run this hearing officially and allow as many
3 commenters as possible to be heard.

4 The hearing is being held on June
5 29th at the Expo Center in Portland, Oregon.
6 Public notice of this hearing was published in the
7 Oregonian Newspaper on Wednesday, June 8th, 2016.
8 The comment period began on June 9th, 2016 and runs
9 through midnight September 6th, 2016.

10 Before we open the proceeding for
11 comment I would like to describe the process and
12 the procedures to be followed today so that you
13 know how your comments will be handled.

14 If you wish to provide comments we
15 ask that you please provide us with your completed
16 speaker registration card and thank you to those
17 who have done so already.

18 We would like to make sure that we
19 are respectful and courteous of views that will be
20 expressed today, please turn off cell phones or
21 silence other devices so the proceedings are not
22 interrupted. No one in the audience should speak
23 or interrupt a commenter. If anyone in the
24 audience needs to take a phone call during the
25 proceedings you must leave the room to do so.

1 When your number is called please
2 come forward and sit in the seat, you will have two
3 minutes to provide your comment. Raise your hand
4 when you're ready to begin.

5 I hereby open the public hearing for
6 the Portland Harbor Superfund Site proposed cleanup
7 plan. The session will break at 3 p.m. and reopen
8 at 3:30 p.m.

9 I would like to introduce our
10 professional facilitator, Martha Been, from
11 Triangle Associates to describe the process again
12 and ground rules for the hearing.

13 **MS. BEEN:** (b) (6), I'm going to
14 address you personally. I'm Martha Been with
15 Triangle Associates and let you know that actually
16 what I'm going to say is not required under the law
17 so I'm just going to say thank you for coming and
18 you know the ground rules and it's all yours for
19 two minutes. Thank you.

20 **MR. PHILIP:** And please state your
21 name and spell your name if needed.

22 **MS. (b) (6):** Okay. My name is (b) (6)
23 I want to make just two brief
24 comments.

25 The first comment is that when I

1 found, when I attended the informational meeting
2 and I found that of the different alternatives that
3 were being considered, A through G I think it was,
4 that the modification of E was the one that is
5 being used, I was disappointed because I was hoping
6 that there would be more things included that were
7 in the remaining ones and I will, I may be making
8 comments written about that at a later time.

9 One of my major concerns is, and I'm
10 making that now, this is why I'm here, is I'm
11 concerned about the confined disposal facility
12 which is going to be located in St. John's, and I
13 realize that it may be necessary to have that but I
14 want to make sure that the most stringent
15 safeguards are made for that facility if it is
16 made. A 100 year flood would definitely not be
17 adequate, a 500 year flood is kind of iffy to me
18 with the climate change and the water dumps that
19 are happening right now in the world, I'm very
20 concerned that it be safe and that we don't end up
21 having a bigger mess than before.

22 So those are my two comments and I
23 thank you very much for the opportunity.

24 **MR. PHILIP:** Thank you so much for
25 your comment.

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MR. PHILIP: If you could state your name and spell it for the court reporter.

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MR. (b) (6) : My name is (b) (6)

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Essentially I just want to state my expectations of the EPA in that I expect the EPA to hold the parties responsible for creating the Superfund, hold them accountable, hold them fully accountable for the complete cleanup and do not let them off the hook.

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That's all.

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MR. PHILIP: All right. Thank you very much.

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MR. (b) (6) : You bet.

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MR. PHILIP: We do appreciate it, and if you want to provide written comments now we've got a room where you can type them up or you can provide them by all the other means later on until the end of the comment period.

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MR. PHILIP: Our court reporter Sue will be documenting your comment. My name is Jeff Philip, I am the hearing officer and I work for the

1 EPA. So if you could start with your name and
2 spell your name and then we'll start the comment
3 portion, so she can get your name correctly.

4 MR. (b) (6) : Certainly. It's (b) (6)

6 MR. PHILIP: All right. Go right
7 ahead.

8 MR. (b) (6) : Start commenting?

9 MR. PHILIP: You bet.

10 MR. (b) (6) I'm concerned that
11 remediation is based on insufficient data, most
12 notably the upland point sources of toxins. The
13 DEQ has indicated in public meetings that they did
14 not do sampling below hard surfaces such as parking
15 lots and asphalt in their studies, therefore if a
16 PRP subsequently paved over a toxic area that
17 information was not available to DEQ and thereby
18 not available for EPA in its plan.

19 I'm also concerned about upriver
20 sources into the study area. Apparently something
21 above mile 11 or whatever is being left to the DEQ
22 and I don't understand why that wasn't included in
23 the EPA study area.

24 This is the end of my comments at
25 this time.

1 **MR. PHILIP:** All right. Thank you
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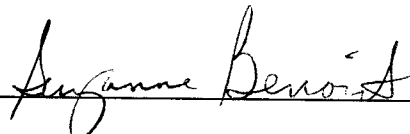
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I, SUZANNE BENOIST, Certified Shorthand Reporter, do hereby certify that there came before me at Portland Expo Center, 2060 N. Marine Drive, Portland, OR 97217, the above-referenced parties, that the proceeding was translated and proofread using computer-aided transcription, and the above transcript of proceedings is a true and accurate transcript of my notes as taken at the time of said event.

I further certify that I am neither attorney nor counsel for nor related nor employed by any of the parties to the action in which this examination is taken; further, that I am not a relative or employee of any attorney or counsel employed by the parties hereto or financially interested in this action.

Dated this 7th day of July, 2016



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